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Newborn Screening Program Adds Saturday Testing
Start Date: June 21, 2008

Dear Practitioner:

We would like to inform you that the Newborn Screening (NBS) laboratory will begin Saturday testing on June 21, 2008.

These and other expanded services were required as part of recommendations by the MDCH Newborn Screening Quality Assurance committee that went into effect March 2007. (Note: Senate Bill 794 amended the 1978 Public Act 368 by adding sections 5430 and 5432).

Initially the disorders that will be tested for are Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH), Galactosemia (GALT) and those metabolic disorders diagnosed via Mass Spectrometry (Amino Acids, Fatty Acid Oxidation and Organic Acids). Other disorders will be added at a later date (timeline to be determined).

Any positive results (Strong or Borderline) will be reported out on Saturday. For Strong positives you will also be contacted by the medical management centers designated by the Michigan Department of Community Health and thus involved with the disorders mentioned above. These centers are: Endocrine Follow-up Program at University of Michigan for CAH and Children's Hospital of Michigan Metabolic Clinic (CHMMC) for GALT and the disorders diagnosed via Mass Spectrometry. As some of the disorders will need immediate follow-up, it is important that your voice mail instructions are clear as to how the medical management center can locate the responsible primary care provider or on-call physician in your practice on the weekend.

As during the week, the positive reports will be faxed to the physician's office recorded on the newborn screening card. We ask that your fax machines be left on over the weekend. Two attempts will be made to fax the reports and if they should not go through they will be held until Monday morning and re-faxed at that time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at (517) 335-9205 or by e-mail at mdch-newbornscreening@michigan.gov

Sincerely,

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